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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd
Chief Clerk/Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

**RE: Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's Request for Approval of Revised AMI
Opt-Out Rider (Rider MRM, Manually Read Meter Rider)
Docket No. 2016-354-E**

**Duke Energy Progress, LLC's Request for Approval of Revised Meter
Related Optional Programs Rider MROP
Docket No. 2018-262-E**

Dear Mrs. Boyd:

Enclosed for requested approval by the Public Service Commission of South Carolina is Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's ("DEC's" or the "Company's") revised Rider MRM, Manually Read Meter Rider ("Rider MRM" or "Opt-Out Rider"). If approved, customers requesting the new options offered with the revised tariff will continue with current metering until approximately December 1, 2019 to allow time for implementation of the necessary IT changes.

The Commission approved Rider MRM, as filed, on November 17, 2016. The Company is suggesting revisions to the tariff based on the questions which have recently come up in rate case proceedings regarding the availability of a medical opt-out provision for South Carolina customers commensurate with that ordered by the North Carolina Utilities Commission. Accordingly, DEC proposes to provide such option to eligible South Carolina customers. DEC also proposed to allow for payment options for the set-up fee for those who desire such option.

The revised Rider MRM incorporates the following changes:

1. Upon request, the one-time Initial Set-up Fee may be paid in six equal installments included as a part of the Customer's first six monthly electric service bills following installation of the manually read meter.

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2. The Initial Set-up Fee and Monthly Rate shall be waived and not apply for customers providing a notarized statement from a medical physician fully licensed by the South Carolina Board of Medical Examiners stating that the customer must avoid exposure to radio frequency emissions, to the extent possible, to protect their health. All such statements shall be retained in Company records on a secure and confidential basis. The Company will provide the customer with a required medical release form, to identify general enrollment information, and a physician verification statement. At the physician's option, a comparable physician verification statement may be submitted.

The Company believes that approval of the revised Rider MRM, Manually Read Meter Rider does not require a determination of the Company's entire rate structure and overall rate of return of the Company. Accordingly, the Company respectfully requests approval of its request without notice or hearing, and that the provisions of S.C. Code Ann. §58-27-870(F) allow such action.

Please note that we are also filing the Duke Energy Progress, LLC's revised Meter Related Option Programs Rider (MROP) filing with these same changes as part of the compliance filing being made in Docket 2018-318-E, as required by the Commission's Order.

The Company appreciates the Commission's attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Heather Shirley Smith

Enclosure as noted

cc: Parties of record

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC
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Electricity No. 4
South Carolina ~~Original~~First (Proposed) Revised Leaf- No.

Superseding South Carolina Original Leaf No. 121

RIDER MRM (SC) MANUALLY READ METER RIDER

AVAILABILITY (South Carolina Only)

Applicable to all residential and small general service customers who request a meter that either does not utilize radio frequency communications to transmit data, or is otherwise required to be read manually, provided that such a meter is available for use by the Company. At the Company's option, meters to be read manually may be either a smart meter with the radio frequency communication capability disabled or other non-communicating meter. The meter manufacturer and model chosen to service the customer's premise are at the discretion of the Company and are subject to change at the Company's option, at any time.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

For residential service, the customer must be served on a standard residential rate schedule.

For nonresidential service, the customer must be served on the Small General Service Schedule SGS without a demand meter, using less than 3,000 kilowatt hours per month and with an estimated demand of less than 15 kW.

This Rider is not available to customers taking service under a net metering rider.

Customers choosing this option will not be eligible for any current or future services or offerings that require the use of a smart or other communicating meter.

The Company may refuse to provide service under this Rider for any of the following conditions.

- If the customer has a history of metering tampering or unauthorized use of electricity at the current or any prior location.
- If such service creates a safety hazard to consumers or their premises, the public or the electric utility's personnel or facilities.
- If the customer does not provide the Company satisfactory access to the Customer's facilities for the purpose of obtaining meter readings or maintaining the Company's equipment.

Upon Request, the one-time Initial Set-Up Fee may be paid in six equal installments included as a part of the Customer's first six monthly electric service bills following installation of the manually read meter.

The Initial Set-Up Fee and Monthly Rate shall be waived and not apply for customers providing a notarized statement from a medical physician fully licensed by the South Carolina Board of Medical Examiners stating that the customer much avoid exposure to radio frequency emissions, to the extent possible, to protect their health. All such statements shall be retained in Company records on a secure and confidential basis. The Company will provide the customer with a medical release form, to identify general enrollment information, and a physician verification statement. At the physician's option, a comparable physician verification statement may be submitted.

RATE

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| Initial Set-Up Fee (one-time) | \$ 150.00 |
| Rate per month | \$ 11.75 |

CONTRACT

The original term of this contract is one year. Thereafter, contract may be terminated by either party with thirty days' written notice. The Company reserves the right to terminate the Customer's contract under this Rider at any time upon notice to the Customer for violation of any of the terms or conditions of the applicable schedule or this Rider. If within the first year, the Customer wishes to discontinue service under this Rider, the customer will pay a \$50.00 service charge.